GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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SETTING UP OF POST OFFICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal to open new post offices in the States particularly in tribal and dalit dominated areas is pending for clearance;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) whether any target has been fixed in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (d): Collection and delivery of mail services are provided to every village in the country. The opening of post office is a norm based activity. The three norms on which the proposals for opening of post offices are examined relate to distance, population and income. Post offices are opened on norm-based justification subject to availability of plan targets and resources. The population norm in hilly, tribal, desert and inaccessible areas is a minimum population of 500 in an individual village or 1000 in a group of villages. The minimum distance from the nearest existing post office is required to be 3 kms. The minimum anticipated income is required to be 15% of the cost. A tentative target for opening of 60 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices in North Eastern Region and 440 Extra Departmental Branch Post Offices in rest of the country, 4 Departmental Sub Post Offices in North Eastern Region and 46 Departmental Sub Post Offices in rest of the country has been fixed for the year 2001-2002.Of these, post offices will be opened in tribal, hilly, desert and inaccessible areas where justified subject to availability of resources.